

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following comments. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowability of claims 47-52, 56-59 and 64 as well as the indication of potential allowability of pending claims 34 and 42.

Claim 32 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 34, as well as intervening claim 33. Claims 35 and 41 have been amended to update their dependencies. Claims 33, 34 and 66 has been canceled. The previously withdrawn claims have been cancelled. No new matter has been entered as a result of these amendments, and no new issues have been raised. Thus, consideration and entry of this After-Final Amendment is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection of claims 32, 33, 35-37, 41, 43, 44 and 46 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Khosravi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,616,679). Claim 66 has been canceled. Claim 32, from which claims 35-37, 41, 43 and 44 depend, has been amended to include the limitations of claim 34 and any intervening claim, thereby rendering the rejection moot. Applicants do not concede the correctness of the rejection. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. It is submitted that all pending claims are currently in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is anticipated. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at 612.677.9050.

Respectfully submitted,

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